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| Human Subjects Subcommittee, November 23, 1997, 7:30 am–5:00 pm. 11:30 am–1:30 pm | National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. Full Commission Meeting, Conference Room 10. |
| Genetics Subcommittee, November 23, 1997, 7:30 am–4:30 pm. | National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 9, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. |

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975 on October 3, 1995 for an initial two years. An amendment to Executive Order 12975, dated May 16, 1997, extended the term of the Commission for an additional two years. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and in the applications of that research including clinical applications.

Public Participation

All meetings are open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below prior to the meeting as soon as possible. Individuals unable to make oral presentations are encouraged to mail or fax their comments to the NBAC staff office for distribution to the subcommittee or Commission members and inclusion in the public record. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Norris, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, MSC-7508, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Wilma Johnson, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

1. Survey of Assisted Reproductive Technology Embryo Laboratory Procedures and Practices—New

In October 1992, Congress passed the Fertility Clinic Success Rate and Certification Act of 1992 (FCSRCA). In accordance with this statute, the CDC has been tasked with developing a model certification program for assisted reproductive technologies (ART) embryo laboratories that are providing services to human fertility specialists in

the U.S. This model certification program is to be voluntarily implemented by States or by independent certifying agencies such as the College of American Pathologists (CAP) which are approved by the State. The model certification program is to include a set of quality standards for the performance of laboratory procedures, maintenance of records, qualifications of laboratory personnel, and criteria for the inspection and certification of embryo laboratories. Other than a General Accounting Office Survey conducted in 1988, no current survey of ART laboratory procedures and practices is available. The proposed information collection will use a paper survey to provide an enumeration of these ART laboratory procedures, equipment maintenance practices, and personnel qualifications. This information is required to finalize the development of the model certification program and also provide a baseline study for evaluating its impact and effectiveness.

The intended population is ART laboratory directors at all facilities with human embryo laboratories in the U.S. The estimated time for completion of this survey is expected to be approximately one hour per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, gather the relevant information, complete the form, and review the collected data. The total estimated cost to respondents is \$15,750.

Respondents:

ART Laboratory Directors:

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| No. of Respondents | 300 |
| No. of Responses/Respondent | 1 |
| Average Burden/Response (in hrs.) | 1 |
| Total Burden (hrs.) | 300 |

Dated: October 30, 1997.

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